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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Copies of the newly cited documents are enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

Most of the references cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 17, 2011, but they were not

considered by the Examiner. These references are being re-cited and copies of the references are being submitted.

The following references are newly cited: US 6,954,448 (Farley et al.); US 2005/0202823 (Shaheen et al.); US 2008/0225766 (Roy et al.); EP 0 760 564; and EP 1 102 512.

This Application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/180,598, which was filed on February 7, 2000.

This Application may also be related to the following copending U.S. Applications: Non-Provisional Application No. 09/775,305, filed on February 1, 2001, which issued on July 18, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,079,523; Provisional Application No. 60/282,936, which was filed on April 10, 2001; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/486,531, which was filed on July 14, 2006; Non-Provisional Application No. 12/488,798, which was filed on June 22, 2009; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/119,522, filed on April 9, 2002, which issued on June 23, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,551,663; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/775,304, filed on February 1, 2001, which issued on October 11, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,954,448; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/235,725, filed on September 26, 2005, which issued on March 10, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,502,351; Non-Provisional Application No. 12/400,872, which was filed on March 10, 2009; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/088,413, filed on June 1, 1998, which issued on April 24, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,222,832; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/515,487, filed on February 29, 2000, which issued on September 17, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,452,913; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/730,376, filed

on December 5, 2000, which issued on March 16, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,707,804; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,621, filed on November 29, 2001, which issued on January 13, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,678,260; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,732, filed on November 29, 2001, which issued on May 3, 2011 as U.S. Patent No. 7,936,728; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,733, filed on November 29, 2001, which issued on February 24, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,496,072; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/179,121, filed on June 24, 2002, which issued on October 13, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,602,749; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/755,874, filed on January 12, 2004, which issued on September 6, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,940,842; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/761,130, filed on January 20, 2004, which issued on August 9, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,928,064; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/895,591, filed on July 21, 2004, which issued on August 10, 2010 as U.S. Patent No. 7,773,566; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/183,677, filed on July 18, 2005, which issued on January 20, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,480,280; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/183,520, filed on July 18, 2005, which issued on June 29, 2010 as U.S. Patent No. 7,746,830; Provisional Application No. 60/297,925, which was filed on June 13, 2001; Provisional Application No. 60/378,697, which was filed on May 7, 2002; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/171,080, filed on June 12, 2002, which issued on May 22, 2007 as U.S. Patent No. 7,221,664; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/805,013, which was filed on May 22, 2007; Provisional Application No. 60/297,987, which was filed on June 13, 2001; Provisional Application No. 60/378,903, which was filed on May 7, 2002; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/171,378, filed on June 12, 2002, which

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issued on July 1, 2008 as U.S. Patent No. 7,394,791; Non-Provisional Application No. 12/165,422, which was filed on June 30, 2008; Provisional Application No. 60/250,908, which was filed on December 1, 2000; Provisional Application No. 60/251,148, which was filed on December 4, 2000; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/999,172, which was filed on November 30, 2001; and Non-Provisional Application No. 12/768,445, which was filed on April 27, 2010.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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